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SUBJ: MAOIST-SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION

1. IZMIR PRESS ON DEC 7 REPORTED OPEN-

AIR PRESS CONFERENCE BY "COMMITTEE ON MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE MEDITERRANEANS" WHEREAT THREE YOUNG MEN OUTLINED REASONS FOR AJHE UP-COMING DEC 8-11 "PROTEST MARCH" FROM ODEMIS TO IZMIR. ACCORDING EKSPRES, THE SPOKESMEN STATED THEME OF MARCH IS "NEITHER AMERICA NOR RUSSIA--MEDITERRANEAN BELONGS TO THE MEDITERRANEANS". ALLEGING THERE IS GROWING COMPETITION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND USA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, SPOKESMEN

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CALLED ON BOTH COUNTRIES TO WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY FORCES FROM THE REGION.

2. INTERESTINGLY, THE PRESS ACCOUNT INDICATES COMMITTEE SPOKESMEN PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED ANTI-SOVIET THEMES. BOSPHORUS-DARDANELLE STRAITS MUST BE CLOSED TO SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS. THEY CLAIMED USSR WAS INCREASING ITS "CONTROL" OVER MEDITERRANEAN NATIONAL ECONOMIES, PARTICULARLY RAPIDLY OVER TURKEY THROUGH EXTENSION OF "HUGE AMOUNTS OF CREDITS AND EXTENSIVE INVESTMENTS" AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT SOVIETS CONCLUDED WITH TURKEY'S "FRONTIST GOVT". SPOKESMEN REPORTED AS CHARGING THAT NEW RUSSIAN "CZARS IN ORDER TO PASS THEIR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS THROUGH THE STRAITS ARE SIGNING FRIENDSHIP

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AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND ARE CAMOUFLAGING ACTUAL IN-

TENTIONS...THEY EVEN THREATEN (TURKEY) WITH COLD WAR".

3. FURTHER TO INDICATIONS OF ANTI-USSR BIAS OF MARCH ORGANIZERS, WE HAVE OBSERVED GREAT NUMBER OF RECENTLY PRINTED POSTERS READING, "NO TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA--NEITHER AMERICA NOR RUSSIA-- MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE MEDITERRANEANS--(SIGNED) VOICE OF THE PEOPLE". (SIGNATORY IS ALSO TURKISH NAME OF MAOIST-ORIENTED

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WEEKLY HALKIN SESI, WHICH FIRST REPORTED PLANS FOR PROJECTED DEC9-11 MARCH.)

4. WHILE SOME UNCERTAINTY REMAINS WHETHER MARCH ORGANIZERS WILL OBTAIN DEMONSTRATION PERMIT FOR IZMIR, US/NATO COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND WILL, OF COURSE, INSURE THAT ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICAN WELFARE AND PROPERTY ARE TAKEN. WHILE TURKISH POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY DOWN-PLAYING THREAT TO US COMMUNITY WE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL DEPLOY IN FORCE TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO IZMIR INSTALLATIONS AND OFFICERS.

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